Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 2 to 6, 8 to 15 and 17 to 19 are amended and claims 20 and 21 are added as set forth hereinafter.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein, when forming said ~~required~~ desired value, the method comprises the further step of ~~considering said desired quantity prescriptions~~ starting with the ~~desired quantity prescription~~ request quantity having the lowest priority.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, comprising the further step of coupling said ~~desired quantity prescription~~ request quantities to different priorities, respectively.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein said ~~desired quantity prescriptions~~ request quantities limit said desired value or shift said desired value by an additive amount.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein a priority is permanently assigned to each one of said ~~desired~~

~~quantity prescriptions~~ request quantities.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein a priority is variably assigned to each one of said ~~desired quantity prescriptions~~ request quantities.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said priorities are assigned in dependence upon the operating state of said vehicle.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein different types of ~~desired quantity prescriptions~~ request quantities are considered by different modules; and, the same types of ~~desired quantity prescriptions~~ request quantities are each considered by a single module for forming said desired value.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein a desired torque is selected as said ~~desired quantity prescription~~ desired value.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a drive unit of a vehicle, the method comprising the steps of:

adjusting an output quantity of said drive unit in dependence upon ~~desired quantity prescriptions~~ request quantities;

assigning a priority to each of said ~~desired quantity prescriptions~~ request quantities; and,

to make the adjustment of said output quantity, forming a desired quantity which considers said ~~desired quantity prescriptions~~ request quantities in a sequence of their priorities.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein, when forming said desired ~~quantity~~ value, the method comprises the further step of ~~considering said desired quantity prescriptions~~ starting with the ~~desired quantity prescription~~ request quantity having the lowest priority.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, comprising the further step of coupling said ~~desired quantity prescriptions~~ request quantities to different priorities, respectively.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein said ~~desired quantity prescriptions~~ request quantities limit said desired quantity or shift said desired quantity by an additive amount.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein a priority is permanently assigned to each one of said ~~desired quantity prescriptions~~ request quantities.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein a priority is variably assigned to each one of said ~~desired quantity prescriptions~~ request quantities.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein said priorities are assigned in dependence upon the operating state of said vehicle.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein different types of ~~desired quantity prescriptions~~ request quantities are considered by different modules; and, the same types of ~~desired quantity prescriptions~~ request quantities are each considered by a single module for forming said desired quantity.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein a desired torque is selected as said desired ~~quantity~~ value.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a drive unit of a vehicle, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving ~~desired quantity prescriptions~~ request quantities for an output quantity of said drive unit;

assigning a priority to each of said ~~desired quantity prescriptions~~ request quantities;

coordinating said ~~desired quantity prescriptions~~ request quantities in a time sequence in dependence upon their respective priorities to form a resulting ~~desired quantity prescription~~ request quantity as a ~~required~~ desired value for said output quantity; and,

adjusting said ~~required~~ desired value for said output quantity.

20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein said request quantities are torque requests and wherein said desired value is a desired torque.

21. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein said request quantities are torque requests and wherein said desired value is a desired torque.